The Inner Planets

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Inner planets (Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars) have many things in common such as shorter orbit times, small and rocky surfaces, etc. However outer planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune) take a very long time to orbit; they are made of gas, are big. In between Mars and Jupiter is the asteroid belt, an asteroid is a big chunk of rock and metal without enough mass to pull itself into a sphere. Asteroids in the asteroid belt orbit the sun. The sun is a giant ball of gas in the center of our solar system that gives off light and heat energy.